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RESIGNS FROM FEDERAL SERVICE TO BE WILDLIFE INSTITUTE SECRETARY

J. Paul Miller, for the past 10 years a biologist in the Fish and Wildlife Service, will resign from that organization, effective September 15, to accept appointment as Secretary of the American Wildlife Institute.

In charge of the Section of Research and Program Planning in the Division of Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration since its organization in 1938, Mr. Miller will be succeeded by William J. Howard, his former assistant, W. C. Henderson, Acting Director of the Service, today reported to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes.

Miller will succeed C. M. Palmer, Jr., as Secretary of the Wildlife Institute. Palmer, who recently resigned to enter private business, has accepted an appointment to the Institute's Board of Trustees.

"I am, of course, sorry to receive Mr. Miller's resignation," said Mr. Henderson, "but I am likewise delighted that he was named Secretary of the Institute. Mr. Miller is well qualified for his new post, and his appointment assures a continuation of the excellent cooperation the Service has received from the Institute under Mr. Palmer's direction."

After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Washington

State College in 1929, Miller studied wildlife management under Dana J. Leffingwell. In 1930, he resigned a teaching fellowship to accept an appointment as a biologist in the U. S. Biological Survey, which on June 30, 1940, was consolidated with the Bureau of Fisheries to form the Fish and Wildlife Service. He was in the Section of Food Habits, Division of Wildlife Research, until 1935 when he was transferred to the Section of Wildlife Surveys.

Miller conducted extensive investigations in the New England States on forest-wildlife relationships. In 1936, he was detailed to make a nation-wide study of wildlife as a supplementary farm enterprise. During this investigation, sponsored cooperatively by the Biological Survey and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, he visited every game department and land-grant college in the country.